

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
Joseph CAUTHEN III	)	Group Art Unit: 3738
Application No.: 10/075,615	)	Examiner: ISABELLA
Filed: February 15, 2002	)	Confirmation No.: 2841
For: SPINAL DISC ANNULUS REPAIR	)	
RECONSTRUCTION METHOD AND	)	
SPINAL DISC ANNULUS STENT	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT**

In reply to the Office Action mailed November 29, 2006, the period for response having been extended to April 29, 2007 by a four month extension of time filed concurrently herewith, Applicant hereby makes an election of species, with traverse, as required by the Examiner:

**Remarks/Arguments** start at page 2.